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**Title: PARAMETRIC SPEECH CODEC FOR REPRESENTING SYNTHETIC
SPEECH IN THE PRESENCE OF BACKGROUND NOISE**

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